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SUBJECT: BOURGIBA STATES ON VERGE BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH MOROCCO

1. FONMIN MOUKNASS, ASKING FOLLOWING BE CLOSELY HELD, ADVISED
DURING TOUR D'HORIZON SEPT 19 THAT BOURGIBA HAD TOLD OULD DADDAH
DURING ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE HE ON VERGE BREAKING
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO.

2. ACCORDING MOUKNASS, BOURGIBA HAS DEMANDED KING HASSAN
MOVE TO CUT OFF RUMORS BEING SPREAD BY GOM ALLEGING
MME BOURGIBA AND FONMIN MASMOUDI TAKING CONTRACT RAKEOFFS.
BOURGIBA BITTERLY RESENTS MOROCCAN SPREADING SLANDER THAT
MME BOURGIBA ROUTINELY GETS CUT OF ALL GOT CONTRACTS.
RE MASMOUDI, BOURGIBA HAD SENT FONMIN TO PARIS SOME MONTHS
AGO SEEKING THEN FONMIN SCHUMANN'S ASSISTANCE IN KILLING STORY
THAT MASMOUDI HAD GOTTEN PERSONAL COMMISSION ON GOF SALE
OF MIRAGE AIRCRAFT TO LIBYA. SCHUMANN REPORTEDLY AGREED THIS
RUMOR SEEMED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN RABAT BUT DECLINED GET
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INVOLVED ON GROUNDS THIS WAS MATTER TO BE SETTLED BETWEEN

TUNIS AND RABAT.

3. BOURGIBA CONCLUDED HE WAS FED UP WITH KING'S UNRESPONSIVENESS
AND FELT HE NOW AT POINT WHERE HIS ONLY RECOURSE WAS TO BREAK
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
MURPHY

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